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**From:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin  
**Sent:** Tue 3/25/2014 5:54:16 PM  
**Subject:** RE: Oil Spill in Lake Michigan

Hi,

Yesterday, we were notified of a spill at the BP Whiting facility in Indiana. Oil sheen was seen on Lake Michigan. We immediately deployed, as did IDEM and the Coast Guard. We've been working with our partner agencies and BP. BP has deployed boom. Oil is on the shore, all on BP's property. Vacuum trucks are removing the oil.

There is currently no oil discharging into Lake Michigan. We do not know how much oil was discharged.

As you know, in the initial phases, we're most concerned with containment and clean up. They've asked me to hold tight and tell me more info will be available soon.

I'm hoping to have a desk statement to share soon with more details and more current info.

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**To:** Beckmann, Ronna Erin; Fortin, Denise  
**Subject:** Oil Spill in Lake Michigan  
**Importance:** High

We just got a call letting us know there was an oil spill in Lake Michigan. I also understand the EPA has been mobilized. Can you please provide me with some more information about this spill?

Thank you.

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